

karl's going-away party /4/ emotional rescue

Roberts said he would have preferred a **heartfelt and sincere send-off** to that he received. "I guess people were too busy enjoying themselves to get **sentimental**," Roberts said. "I wasn't expecting sobs, but I don't think anyone even got misty. People me goodbye hugs, but they weren't 'we'll miss you'-type hugs. Twice, I was **lifted off the ground and swung around** in circles. It was nice to see such a strong of emotion, I guess, but I wasn't expecting so much whooping and hollering." "I heard they eventually got **a call from the retirement center** the street because of all the noise," Roberts added.

In spite of his feelings about the office-wide blowout, Roberts said he is looking forward to **continuing his career** at Quad-State Shipping. "I'm excited by the challenges me at Quad-State," Roberts said. "They need a new dress code and lunch policy. Somebody has to the time-clock violations. And **sick days and personal days** seem to be overlapping in an unacceptable way. But, with a little discipline and attention to detail, I'll the place into shape." "Ames was great," Roberts added. "But I admit that I'm looking forward to a change. **The new environment** will provide a chance to not only in my career, but also make new friends."

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